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Subject:BN - ERT Deployment to Windsor, ON 2022-February 10 to 14

Issue:

- To advise the “O” Division Commanding Officer of the deployment of “O” Div Emergency Response Team (ERT) to the Ambassador Bridge blockade in support of the “O” Div Tactical Support Group (TSG).

Background:

- On February 10, 2022, the Deputy Commissioner Federal Policing requested “O” Div TSG relocate from their deployment in Ottawa to Windsor ON to assist with enforcement action.
- “O” Div ERT along with a Critical Incident Commander (CIC) was requested to deploy to Windsor, Ontario to provide tactical support/lethal force over watch to the “O” Div TSG.
- OPP had overall strategic command over the operation to clear the Ambassador Bridge Trucker and Anti-Mandate occupation/ blockade.
- On February 12, 2022, a joint forces operation commenced involving Windsor and London Police Services, the OPP and RCMP.

Current Status:

- RCMP ERT over watch was critical to identifying primary agitators, drone operators and crowd movements.
- The agility of ERT to mobilize in small numbers and various vehicles allowed for the apprehension of key protest agitators that remained out of the reach of TSG and other Public Order Teams.
- On February 13, 2022 at 16:15 hours, RCMP resources were stood down. Lanes of traffic had been cleared, primary agitators had been arrested, blockade vehicles had been towed.
- February 14, 2022, commercial and civilian traffic across the Ambassador bridge between USA and Canada has been restored.
- All “O” Div ERT assets have returned to their home unit and will be preparing for any potential re-deployment.

Strategic Considerations:

- PDS attached to ERT would provide optimal tactical options at protest/demonstration deployments.
- Due to congoing interoperability training with the OPP and Windsor Tactical Teams, “O” Div ERT marksmen and ground support worked seamlessly together to provide a consistent operating picture of the AOR and provide necessary over watch to the TSG.
- “O” Div ERT’s deployment posture with the TSG was identified as a force multiplier and deterrent to escalation of events.

Strategic Communications:

- All media will be directed to Windsor Police Service

CIC Comments:

- It was apparent the team was very well prepared and executed their mission in a professional manner to achieve all objectives.

Commander Comments:

- Positive feedback was received from the OIC "O" Div TSG regarding the interoperability and support of ERT throughout the deployment.

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